

Blessed Are the Pure in Heart



CALVARY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022

WELCOME TO CALVARY



Our Welcome Statement

Calvary United Methodist Church believes that all means all. We open our hearts, our minds and our doors to all our neighbors. We gladly invite into our shared life all persons who seek a community of support where they can grow in God's grace. Regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, ability, relationship status, or background – ***you are God's beloved, and you are welcome here.***

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Calvary United Methodist Church

UPCOMING **EVENTS**

Check Out Our Upcoming Children's Events!

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**For more
information:**

Megan
412-715-4946

Brittany
412-715-4947

Oct
29 Trunk or Treat
11am-2pm

Nov
20 Family Fun Day
1-3pm

Dec
03 Kids Christmas Celebration
1-3pm

Weekly Sunday School
10-10:45am

Ages Pre-K thru Middle School



PRAYER CONCERNS

Immediate Needs

Scott Siciliano (Pastor Shane's brother)
Chris Griffin
Hailey Mickens and Family
Jenalee Morris
Father of Liz Martinez
Kim Ferguson (Karen Ferguson's sister)
Tricia Magee (friend of Larry & Pam Hopkins)
Roy Ziegler (friend of Venus)
Lori McDonough (relative of Venus)
Juan Martinez's Grandmother
Milliner Family (friends of Brittany Bova)
Friend of Mark Snyder
Kathleen (friend of Brittany Bova)
Joshua (Brian Burns' cousin's son)
Danny (Bova's cousin)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Martha Helmreich
Christine Thomas
Paul Brucker
Joan Jessep
Joan Sturtz
Randy & Danny
Dan Souza
Tom Smith

How Can We Pray For You?

If you have a prayer request or a joy that you would like to be lifted up, you can either fill out the "PRAYER REQUEST" card in the back of the pews and place it in the offering plate, or contact the church office directly at 412-231-2007, or you can complete the new "Prayer Request Form" on the Calvary website at calvarypgh.com/contact/prayer-request.php. The information on this form goes directly to the clergy of Calvary UMC. We treat these concerns in a private and confidential manner (unless otherwise directed), respecting the privacy of individuals as the requestor directs us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Market & Open House

The event was a great success, raising \$1,770 for Calvary and \$750 for the United Women of Faith (UWF). The other awesome benefit of the event was how volunteers from Calvary and AHPS worked together to welcome visitors, make delicious food, and enjoy one another's company. Many thanks to all who helped and came to the event.

Messiah Sponsorships

Please review the Sponsorship Packages listed in the enclosed document as well as the additional opportunities we have available and consider how you can partner with us in offering this unique musical event. When you choose to sponsor this Community Christmas Concert, you are helping continue what has become a tradition at Calvary and in the Pittsburgh area. This year especially we need sponsorships to help cover the cost of producing this beloved event. No sponsorship or donation is too small (and none is too big 😊). We hope that you will consider reaching out to a local business for an ad or creating a booster listing for the choir. If you have any questions, please reach out to Brian Burns (bsburns77@aol.com or 724-388-3246) or Karen Ferguson (karen.ferguson.15202@gmail.com or 724-448-1429).

Messiah Tickets Are Now On Sale!

Purchasing tickets in advance is recommended to avoid the crunch at the door. Tickets can be purchased in a couple ways. Paper tickets will be for sale every Sunday during fellowship in the chapel following morning. Please see Karen Ferguson in the chapel to purchase. You can also purchase tickets on Eventbrite by going to CalvaryPGH.com and clicking on the "PURCHASE TICKETS" link in the banner at the top. We are asking that even "Free Admission" tickets be registered online if possible. We will be able to keep track of the audience count this way so we know how many printed tickets should be available. Ticket prices are as follows:

- Early Bird Ticket Sales BEFORE November 15: \$15 – General Admission / \$10 – Students & Seniors (65 and over)
- Ticket Sales AFTER November 15: \$18 – General Admission / \$12 – Students & Seniors (65 and over)
- FREE ADMISSION: Children 12 & under, Members/veterans of the armed services, Firefighters, Police

Thanksgiving Request — A Message from the Missions Committee

Northside Community Food Pantry's hope is to put "Thanksgiving on Every Table". To help with this Calvary is collecting 75 cans of cranberry sauce. Bring your donation to the chapel area where you can place them with others. ***The deadline date is Sunday, November 13th.*** We have done this in the past and we know it can be done again with the generosity of Calvary.

Nursery Ministry — A Message from the Children & Youth Committee

Our nursery ministry can only continue if new volunteers sign up. Brittany and Megan are not expected to staff the nursery by themselves beyond the next few weeks. If you are interested in volunteering occasionally in the nursery but are nervous to start, Brittany and Megan will be happy to train you and work with you. You can ease into this ministry. Just approach Brittany or Megan and say you would like to help.

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Daily Bread Needs Deodorant — A Message from the Missions Committee

We are seeking donations of deodorant for the Daily Bread. Please bring unused containers of deodorant to church and leave them in the chapel for the Missions Committee to take over.

Women's Retreat

Calvary Women's Retreat will be on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30am-3:30pm at the Presbytery building across the street. There is no cost and lunch will be included. The theme for the day is: Where is Home? Our leader will be Tina Whitehead, who has been here before talking about the Israel/Palestine issue. We will spend our time together exploring the meaning of "home" in our own lives, as well as in the lives of so many today who have lost their homes. There will be opportunity for individual reflection and small and large group sharing. Tina will draw on her experiences with refugees in Palestine as well as her own sense of home, having lived in Canada, the US and Palestine. We will end by reflecting on what it means to be at home, as St. Augustine states: "Our hearts are restless until they find rest in You." ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Please let Joan Bradley (ogremtb@aol.com) know if you plan to attend by Sunday, November 6th.

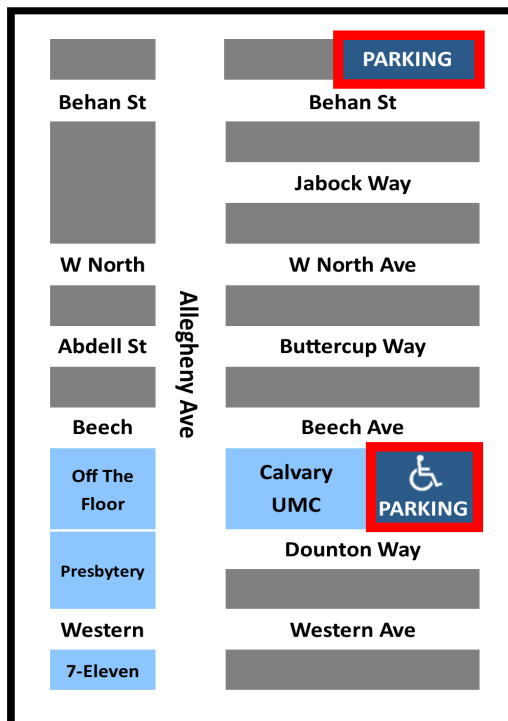
Our World Is Hurting — A Message from the Missions Committee

If you wish to help by donating to either International Disasters or US Disasters, go to the internet and type in: umc.org-disaster-relief. The donation page will come up ready for your contribution.

Sunday 1:00pm Steeler Games

Greetings! Please see the map that lists directions to and where to park on Sundays when we do not have access to the lots next to and across from our church. Please be mindful that this lot is 5 blocks away from the church. Some of the sidewalks leading to and from this lot are red brick and are not flat. Please use caution when walking to and from this lot. If walking to and from this lot would be too difficult, park in the parking lot at the rear of the church which is also our handicap parking lot. Please note that you may get a parking ticket if you park on any street on Steeler Sundays. And, please do not pay to park in any of the parking lots charging money!

Special note about Handicap Parking: The map lists where the church's handicap parking is located in the lot behind the church. The church's handicap ramp is also located in this lot. We encourage people not to park in the rear parking lot to allow people with special needs to have those parking spaces.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship †* Lay Leader — Linda Ehrlich

Leader: As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

All: **the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’**”

Leader: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

All: **He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.**

Leader: I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Opening Hymn †* “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God” — #604 UMH

Opening Prayer †* Lay Leader — Linda Ehrlich

Community Greetings †

Children’s Message

Prayer Hymn * “Near to the Heart of God” — #472 UMH

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture * 1 Peter 3:13-22 NRSV

1 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, 16 yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of

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Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Choral Response (Choir & Congregation) * “Alleluia” — #2014 TFWs

The image shows a musical score for the Choral Response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Gospel * Matthew 28:16-20 NRSV

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Leader: The word of God, written by the people of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Power of Baptism” — Pastor Shane Siciliano

Anthem

Order of Worship continued on following page.

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The Baptismal Covenant * Leo Richard Neiswonger

Introduction to the Service

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Presentation of the Candidate

Leader: I present Leo Richard Neiswonger for baptism.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Addressing the Parents and Sponsors

Leader: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Response: **I do.**

Leader: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: **I do.**

Leader: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: **I do.**

Leader: Will you nurture Leo in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Response: **I do.**

Addressing the Congregation

Leader: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Response: **We do.**

Leader: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Leo in your care?

Response: **With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Addressing the Parents, Sponsors, and Congregation

Leader: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

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Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

Response: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Response: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Response: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

All: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

All: **Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and the one who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in his final victory.

All: **All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Baptism with Laying On of Hands

Pastor: Leo, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

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Pastor: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

All: **Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

Commendation and Welcome

Addressing the Congregation

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend Leo to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

Response: **We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Addressing the Baptized and Their Parents and Sponsors

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Doxology †* #94 UMH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offering Prayer †

Closing Hymn †* “I Love to Tell the Story” — #156 UMH

Benediction †*

Postlude †

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Bible Study

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Chapel

Description: *"Affirming the Scriptures of an Affirming God"* — How can we respond when people use verses of the Bible as a weapon? We can relearn the weaponized Scriptures in defense of love. We'll be looking at the Scriptures through the lens of welcoming, affirming, and accepting all people. Feel free to bring your Bible, but we also have more Bibles available.

Sunday School

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Presbytery (Across the street from Calvary)

Description: Calvary offers two Sunday School Classes: (1) Ages 3-10, (2) Ages 11-15. Please meet up in the chapel and everyone will walk across the street together.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 10:00-10:45am / Calvary Choir Loft

Fellowship Following Morning Worship

Time / Location: Following morning worship / Calvary Chapel

Description: Come to the chapel following morning worship for fellowship. A light array of foods and beverages will be served.

TUESDAYS

Exercise Class For All Ages

Time / Location: 9:00am / Calvary Chapel

Description: There is an exercise class that meets every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am in the Calvary Chapel.

Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 6:00-7:30pm / Calvary Choir Loft

Description: Love Singing? Thinking About Joining The Choir?... Now is the perfect time to give it a try! No audition required! All are welcome!

Messiah Festival Choir Rehearsal

Time / Location: 7:30-9:00pm / Calvary Sanctuary

Description: Bask in Handel's inspiring Messiah while surrounded by candlelight and Calvary's magnificent Tiffany stained-glass masterpieces. All are welcome! No audition required!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Justice Task Force Conversation

Today, Sunday, October 30 at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 6 at 9:30am in the Parlor

Steelers Bye-Week Fellowship Meal

Sunday, November 6 from 12:00-2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a fellowship meal downstairs while the Steelers are on a bye-week!

Women's Retreat

Saturday, November 12 from 9:30am-3:30pm at the Presbytery across from Calvary UMC

See today's announcements for further details.

Church Council Meeting

Thursday, November 17 at 6:00pm in the Chapel

In person or via Zoom

Family Fun Day

Sunday, November 20 from 1:00-3:00pm

Families with kids stay after church for games and fun together.

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Calvary

Join us as we decorate Calvary for the upcoming Christmas season!

Charge Conference

Wednesday, November 30 from 6:00-9:00pm in the Chapel

A meal will be provided prior to the meeting.

Kids Christmas Party

Saturday, December 3 from 1:00-3:00pm

10th Annual Messiah Sing-Along Concert

Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 at 4:00pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve Server

Saturday, December 24 at 2:00pm & 7:00pm

This year we will be having two services on Christmas Eve. One will be held at 2:00pm without a musical prelude. The other will be our normal 7:30pm service with special music beginning at 7:00pm.